



A few highlights from March:

Forensics



The annual Law 12 Connections Forensic project to solve the murder of Mr. Rowell captivated over 120 students. There was blood splatter analysis, DNA to analyze, emails and video footage to review and teacher suspects to interview. The final reveal happened before Spring

Break with Mr. Biggar and Mr. Goodman sharing all the details of the crime.

ThunderTech Robotics - Prestigious Award Winners



The ThunderTech Robotics team competed in the Canadian Pacific Regionals last month in Victoria. It was an incredible event for our team to experience and learn from with teams from across Canada, US, Mexico and China. Our team moved into 3rd place before experiencing some technical difficulties that required some intense on-site repairs. The team of 15 worked so hard to keep their robot in the competition and scoring points. At the conclusion of the competition, the team was awarded the prestigious Innovation in Control Award which celebrates an inventive control system or application of control components – electrical, mechanical or software – to provide unique machine functions.

Here is an article about our team - [LINK](#)

Spirit Week



The annual Spirit Week prior to Spring Break included the following theme days: Teachers Dress Like Students & Students Dress Like Teachers; Soccer Mom and BBQ Dad; Throwback Thursday; White Lie; and TA Colours. The week concluded with a Gym Riot with the whole school in the gym grouped by TA colours (Red, Green, Yellow & Blue) competing in a number of challenges. The winning TA colour this year was Team Blue!

New York 2024



During Spring Break, 47 students and 4 teachers (Mr. Litt, Mr. Curley, Ms. Gray and Mr. Page) traveled to New York. They had an amazing experience, which included visiting and touring Madison Square Garden, seeing ancient Roman art at the MET Museum, shopping and browsing in Soho, people watching and seeing the big screens in Times Square, and experiencing the grandeur of the Empire State Building and the Statue of Liberty. They also saw the 9-11 memorial and museum. The feedback from students and staff was awesome. It was a trip of a lifetime for our students!

Class of 2024

Graduation Information

Graduation Ceremony (Thursday, June 6th) - at Queen Elizabeth Theatre.

Graduation Banquet (Friday, June 7th) - at Meadow Gardens Golf Course

Dry Grad (Friday, June 7th - Saturday June 8th) - at Thomas Haney

GRAD FEES: Students should have PAID all fees for Grad Ceremony, Grad Banquet and Dry Grad. All payment information is on the portal. See Mr. Rowell if you require further information.

GRAD GUESTS: Students who would like to bring a guest to our grad events, must have a signed guest form submitted by May 3rd. Grad quests must pay for the banquet and or dry grad fee as well. See Mr. Rowell if you require further information.

Important April-May Dates

- Thursday, April 4th - Outdoor Ed. Winter camping at Manning Park
- Thursday, April 11th - PAC Meeting (THSS Rm. 2032 at 7:00pm)
- Friday, April 12th - Equine Expo for Equestrian Academy (9:00am-8:00pm)
- Monday, April 15th - Collaboration Day & Student Late start
- Monday, April 15th - Friday April 19th - Numeracy 10 Assessments
- Tuesday, April 23 - Thursday, April 25th - Connections Trip to Vancouver Island
- Wednesday, April 24th - Thunderfest (Community Event open to ALL) 4-8:00pm
- Friday, April 26th - Social Studies 10 Field Trip to Chinatown
- Wednesday, May 8th - Rocklisch 10 Field Trip (Seattle)
- Thursday, May 9th (7:00pm) - PAC Meeting
- Wednesday, May 15th - Professional Development Day
- Thursday May 16th (5:00-8:00pm) - Art Gala
- Tuesday, May 21st - Aboriginal Education Awards (District)
- Wednesday, May 22nd - Grade 7 Day (Grade 8s stay home on this day)
- Wednesday, May 22nd - Mean Girls (Musical Theatre Production) OPENS
- Monday, May 27th - ICBC Presentation (Senior Students)
- Thursday, May 30th (7:30am) - Grad Breakfast & Rehearsal

Key Contacts

The following list of Counsellors and Administrators and their grades are listed below:

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Sincerely,

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